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I am sorry, your highness, but please reconsider this problem.
The empress is traditionally chosen after a royal procedure.
It is a tradition to choose an empress from a noble family-
Moreover, when choosing an empress. You must be very considerate.
You should find a daughter from an honorable family-
MISTY ROAD
So all these opposite are against my choice for the empress?
But I've already declared it in front of all my people. So, I can't choose someone else
I think this is something we don't need to discuss further! I already declared it and that's it
But, your highness, even if she is the priestess, we don't know what family she is from. We can't make someone like that into the empress.
That is right. Please think it through.

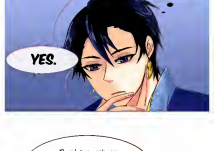
Of course you said it in front of the people, so it'll be hard to go against it

But that doesn't mean we can just make anyone into the empress. So appoint the princesse as your concubine and choose a daughter from a noble family as your empress.

Then do you have any daughter of a family in mind?

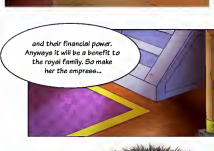
How about Lord Baek Yoon's daughter, Baek Wol Young?

She is intelligent, virtuous, has a kind nature, and the commoners believe in her a lot, therefore I think she is the one for empress. So...


He doesn't know very accept.

MISTY RAIN

Please think about it again you majesty. It'll be a great help to your highness as well.
DO YOU ALL AGREE?


It is as I predicted.
YES.

Then let me ask you one thing. What exactly am I going to gain from marrying Baek Wol Young?

There are... A lot of reasons. Such as the honor the family has

and their financial power. Anyways it will be a benefit to the royal family. So make her the empress...

Very funny. You think I don't know the reason behind all this.

That is strange. According to your theory, the daughter of other families would be better than the daughter of Baek.

For example Jin Soo Hyang, the daughter of General Jin, Or Hong Hee Ran, the daughter of Lord Hong

The family of General Jin is also very powerful. Someone's trust the general a lot, and the same goes for his daughter. There is no need to explain his wealth. If you talk about the family alone, Jin is higher than Baek. Of course the same goes for Lord Hong.

The Hong family has supported the royal family for many years. They control lots of trade, becoming one of most wealthiest families in the country. I heard that his daughter is also brave and intelligent. If the conditions of an empress are wealth and honor, both of them are more than qualified, so why do you leave them out?

B...but Lord Baek is looking after most of the government work. Taking many reasons into consideration, he will be a strong pillar for you—

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT THOSE ARE THE QUALITIES OF AN EMPRESS?!!

SLAM

MISTY RAIN

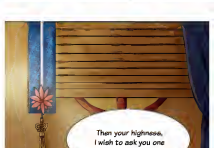
THE POSITIONS YOU ALL HOLD ARE DUE TO THE POWER OF YOUR FAMILIES!

THOSE AREN'T THE QUALITIES OF AN EMPRESS AT ALL. HOW IS THAT AN IMPEDIMENT FROM HE GIVING POWER TO THE FAMILY W LAUGH!

You... you are mistaken your highness! We never meant—

I DON'T WANT TO LISTEN! THEN EXPLAIN TO ME HOW WOULD THESE CONDITIONS BENEFIT ME?!

GIVE ME A REASON THAT I CAN ACCEPT!!


Then your highness, I wish to ask you one thing.

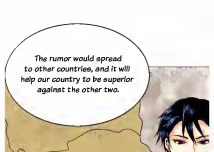
What are the benefits for making the 'priestess' into the empress?

IT WILL PROVE THE MYTH OF THIS COUNTRY TO BE TRUE.

If the legend of the blue god is proven true by the priestess, it will spread among the people.

MISTY RAIN

And if the priestess becomes the empress, what would the people think? Wouldn't they think the country is protected by god?


If that happens then the trust towards the royal family would be firm, and that is the first benefit. This will lead to a strong country with people who hold strong trust for the royal family and that is the second benefit.

The rumor would spread to other countries, and it will help our country to be superior against the other two.
And they wouldn't know whether the rumor is true or not so they can't invade us easily so that's the third benefit.

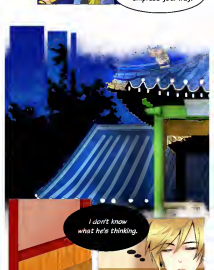
Just by her existence the priestess will be a benefit towards our country.
And if I made someone like that step my concubine, what do you think would happen?

How is it? Was this answer good enough?

I understand your majesty.

But what if
there isn't a priestess among them?
MISTY ROAN

If that is the case,
I will choose the empress your way.


I don't know what he's thinking.

He's proud even after getting his problems caught by me.

I wonder why h-
is so full of himself. And why is his majesty--

Hey, Shun. I called you so many times. Do you have any concerns or something?
...Concern? It's nothing.
It's just. I don't get it. That Yeon Cha girl and the emperor's intentions...
Your acting was very good. If someone doesn't recognize you, they would think you are just a young girl.
Until when are you going to plan and act with Seo Young? What is your relationship to her?
It took me a while to research you. It seems like someone hates your opponents. Everyone says different things about you. Many men anything, you're from the country Yeon Seo!
I think it's impossible for you to act alone.
MISTY RAIN
As I can see, you can't have done this alone. Who is behind you?
DOES THAT MATTER?
That I'm from Yeon Seo.

Yeon Cha! Do you not understand what kind of situation you're in?
Talking of countries, I don't think you're the one to be yelling at me!

Haha— You got nailed, didn't you? And woman problems—
MISTY RAIN
Well, I have a sense of it now. But I think it would be good for you to take your hands off of her.

As you know, our dear Emperor likes to change his mind a lot and never shows his emotions. By being in the way of him and bothering him, you would probably get into a big trouble. Be just ignore and pretend as if nothing happened.
What do you mean?

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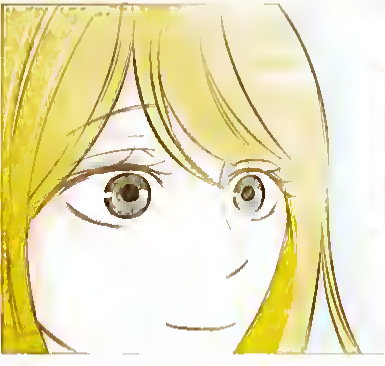
Did I forget to put up the closed sign again?

Hey... This might sound a little strange but... I have a really important question to ask you. So please don't get mad at me.
When does the next chapter of the Scholar Who Walks the Night going to be released?

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That's classified info...
I really need to remember more often to put up that closed sign at night...
So I can't say anything.
I see... Well it was worth a shot. Looks like I'll just have to keep checking the blog.

Stop by Misty Rain Scans to see some of the other webtoons*.

*including this one